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SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S TRIP - MEDIA REACTION - JUNE 12

1. ALL MAJOR CARACAS PAPERS RUN FRONTPAGE PHOTO STORIES GIVING  
HIGHLIGHTS MRS. CARTER'S PRINCIPAL DAY OF MEETINGS HERE. EL  
NACIONAL RUNS TWO-COLUMN PHOTO PRESS CONFERENCE WITH THREE-DECK  
HEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER BEFORE THE JOURNALISTS - PRESIDENT  
CARTER WILL WORK FOR REVISION OF DISCRIMINATORY CLAUSE  
AGAINST VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR." TWO-THIRDS OF SECOND SECTION  
FRONTPAGE DEVOTED TO MRS. CARTER. FOUR PHOTOS ACCOMPANY  
STORY ON HER MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT'S WIFE AND SOCIAL  
SERVICE AGENCY DIRECTORS, WITH THE PRESS, AND WITH NORTH  
AMERICANS AT AFTERNOON RECEPTION. FIVE-COLUMN, FOUR-DECK  
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HEAD READS, "THE FIRST LADY OF THE US SAID THAT SHE WANTED  
TO HELP HER HUSBAND AND HER COUNTRY THROUGH HER PARTICIPATION  
IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS;" SUBHEADS, "HER MEETING WITH BLANCA  
PEREZ AND LEADERS OF THE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION, FUNDACOMUN, AND  
THE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION LASTED MORE THAN TWO HOURS, BUT  
SHE HAD TO CANCEL HER INTERVIEW WITH LABOR LEADERS BECAUSE OF  
A STOMACH PROBLEM; TODAY SHE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON AFTER MEETING

WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ." EL UNIVERSAL ALSO DEVOTES ALMOST ENTIRE SECOND SECTION FRONTPAGE TO FIRST LADY'S MEETINGS. SIX-COLUMN STORY ON PRESS CONFERENCE RUNS WITH THREE-DECK HEAD AND SUBHEADS, "IN PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF HER COUNTRY HAS SPECIAL INKS WITH VENEZUELAN LEADERS; TO GAIN THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, IT IS NECESSARY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD; HER CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SHE VISITED WERE VERY USEFUL." A SECOND LOCALLY GENERATED STORY RUNS WITH SIX-COLUMN, TWO-DECK HEAD, "ROSALYNN CARTER WAS INFORMED ABOUT AID FOR ABANDONED INFANTS IN 'LA CASONA.'" STORIES RUN WITH TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOS.

2. TODAY'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY JOURNAL RUNS EDITORIAL FAULTING AMERICAN PRESS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE DURING PRESS CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ. EXCEPTS FOLLOWS: "WHEN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ HELD A SPECIAL PRESS CONFERENCE FRIDAY NIGHT TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEWSMEN -- ACTUALLY MOST OF THEM ARE NEWSWOMEN -- ACCOMPANYING ROSALYNN CARTER ON HER VISIT, VERY FEW QUESTIONS WERE ASKED. THE PRESIDENT TOOK THIS IN STRIDE, JOKING THAT HE WOULD GIVE THEM ANOTHER CHANCE SOON IN WASHINGTON, BUT THE APPARENT ABSENCE OF INTEREST WAS A SOURCE OF DISCOMFORT TO THOSE HERE WHO ARE SEEKING TO INCREASE MUTUAL AWARENESS BETWEEN THE NORTH AMERICAN AND VENEZUELAN PEOPLE. THE U.S. REPORTERS WHO LEAVE THIS MORNING SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY MISSED A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO ELICIT INFORMATION FROM THE CHIEF OF STATE OF A SMALL NATION WHICH IS PLAYING AN EXTRAORDINARY ROLE IN WORLD EVENTS TODAY. BUT, AFTER THREE LISTLESS QUESTIONS, THE CONFERENCE ENDED. TOO BAD. PERHAPS THE REPORTERS WERE HERE ONLY TO COVER MRS. CARTE, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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GREAT STORIES ARE NEVER UNEARTHED BY SUCH LIMITED VISION. IT MAY BE TRUE THAT THE U.S. READER IS INTERESTED ONLY IN WHAT IMMEDIATELY CONCERNS HIM, BUT THERE ARE TRENDS AND EVENTS SHAPING UP HERE WHICH CERTAINLY WILL AFFECT HIM IN THE FUTURE. HE DESERVES TO KNOW ABOUT THEM."  
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